

Our Wonderful Lord

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich yet for your sakes He became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich." He who knew eternal riches became poor for us, that we might partake of the riches of His grace, the riches of His goodness and His unsearchable riches (Eph. 1 :7; Rom. 2:4, Eph. 3:8), ultimately to be possessors of the riches of His glory.

Grace is glory in the bud; glory is grace in flower and fruit. (*Phil. 4: 19, Eph. 3:16*)

How poor did our Lord become? He slept in another's manger, He sailed on another's boat, He slept in another's bed, He rode on another's donkey, He held the final Passover feast in another's room and instituted the Lord's Supper. He died on another's cross -*Barabbas*, and was buried in another's *tomb* - *Joseph of Arimetheia*.

He who was virgin-born is the One who gives us the new birth, washing our soul in His sinless blood and making it a virgin soul. (1 Pet. 1 :23)

"The Bread of Life" began His ministry hungering and "The Water of Life" ended His life thirsting. Why? That we might eat of the "Bread of Life" and drink of the "Water of Life", He who knew weariness (*John 4:6*) is the One who provides us with rest from our burden of sin and as we submit to His yoke, we experience rest for our soul (*Matt. 11 :28-30*). He is the prophesied Shiloh or Rest-giver of *Gen. 49:10*, the Prince of Peace sleeping in a ship in the midst of a storm and when awakened by His terrified disciples, He hushes the elements with His *"Peace be still."* (*Mark 4:38-41*) He prayed on earth and He still prays for us in Heaven yet he hears and answers our prayers. (*Heb. 4: 15-16, Heb. 7:25*)

The Man of Sorrows: See Him weep at the grave of Lazarus, over Jerusalem and in Gethsemane (*John 11:35, Luke 19:41-44, Heb. 7:7-8*), yet He is the One who dries our tears, as He comforted the weeping widow of Nain whose young son had died, with the word, *"Weep Not"* (*Luke 7: 13*), Her sorrow was turned to joy as Jesus raised her son from the dead and presented him to his mother. What a day that will be when *Rev. 21:4* is fulfilled, *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death neither sorrow, nor Dying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."*

He was sold for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave, yet He pays our debt of sin as the beautiful song expresses it, *"He paid a debt He did not owe, we owed a debt we could not pay."*

"Behold, the Good Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep and yet He is the slain Lamb that stands (in resurrection) according

to *Rev. 6, john 10:1, and John 1:29*. He voluntarily surrendered His life to the death of the cross, but in dying, He conquered death and destroyed the grip of death for all who trust Him. He is the crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Resurrection and the Life. (*John 11:25*

Cor. 15:54-57, Rev. 1:18)

The Son of God who existed before time came to earth in the fullness of time and became the Son of Man that the sons of men might become the sons of God. Son of God links with His Deity, Son of Man with His humanity. He is Jacob's ladder, spanning Heaven and earth and the only Mediator between God and man.

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